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SUBJECT: MTN: OKI JULY 3 CALL ON WOLFF

1. SUMMARY: OKI EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER U.S. AIRCRAFT PROPOSAL (NO TIME TO NEGOTIATE IT AND WOULD PREVENT JAPAN FROM DEVELOPING ITS OWN INDUSTRY); SAID JAPAN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE OFFER ON ORANGES; HINTED JAPAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ON BEEF; AND MENTIONED THAT JAPAN COULD MAKE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL TARIFF OFFER ON PRIORITY U. S. REQUESTS, EXCEPT FOR PAPER AND LEATHER SHOES. WOLFF EXPLAINED WE WANTED SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT ON AIRCRAFT PROPOSALS, BUT DRAFTING COULD BE DONE AFTER JULY 15; ASKED WHY JAPAN WOULD NOT SUPPORT U. S. ON SUBSIDY CODE (OKI SAID AGRICULTURE MINISTRY WAS THE PROBLEM); AND SAID JAPAN'S
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POSITION ON ORANGES AND BEEF WAS SERIOUS MATTER WITH GRAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR MTN AND THUS THE TRADING SYSTEM.
END SUMMARY.

2. AIRCRAFT: FOREIGN OFFICE DEPUTYDIRECTOR GENERAL OKI (ACCOMPANIED BY GOJ EMBASSY STAFF) OPENED MEETING BY RAISING COMPREHENSIVE U.S. AIRCRAFT PROPOSAL.

HE SEEMED RELIEVED U. S. DID NOT EXPECT TO NEGOTIATE TEXT BY JULY 15. HE ASSERTED U.S. PROPOSAL COULD PREVENT JAPAN FROM DEVELOPING ITS OWN INDUSTRY, BUT WOULD NOT EXPLAIN HOW WHEN ASKED.

3. SUBSIDY/CVD: ON BEING ASKED BY WOLFF WHY JAPAN WAS NOT SUPPORTING U. S. SUBSIDY/CVD CODE PROPOSAL, OKI SAID HIS MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY HAD PROBLEMS WITH LANGUAGE ON DOMESTIC SUBSIDIES. WOLFF SAID HE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING; U. S. AND JAPANESE EXPERTS SHOULD CONSULT ON MATTER. OKI AGREED.

4. JAPANESE AGRICULTURAL OFFER: OKI SAID HE HAD TWO LETTERS FROM USHIBA FOR STRAUSS WHICH AMBASSADOR TOGO WOULD DELIVER THE NEXT DAY (JULY 4). OKI WOULD NOT GO INTO DETAIL, BUT SAID CITRUS LETTER SAID NO TO ANY CONCESSIONS ON ORANGES AND OFFERED POSSIBILITY OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS ON OTHER CITRUS PRODUCTS AND ON ORANGE JUICE FOR REEXPORT. BEEF LETTER WAS ALSO NEGATIVE, BUT THERE WAS POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVEMENT. WOLFF REACTED STRONGLY, SAYING JAPAN'S CITRUS AND BEEF POSITION WAS MOST SERIOUS, WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE, AND COULD HAVE DIRE EFFECT ON MTN AND THUS ON TRADING SYSTEM. OKI AND EMBASSY STAFF (ALL FROM FOREIGN OFFICE) THEN HINTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VERY BROADLY THAT STRAUSS SHOULD GIVE TOUGH RESPONSE TO TOGO TO STIMULATE RECONSIDERATION OF POSITION BY TOKYO. WOLFF ADDED THAT PROBLEM WAS NOT JUST CITRUS AND BEEF BUT ENTIRE JAPANESE AGRICULTURAL OFFER.

5. INDUSTRIAL TARIFFS: OKI SAID MITI WAS INSISTING ON PROCEDURAL RECIPROCITY IN INDUSTRIAL TARIFFS. JAPAN COULD MAKE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON PRODUCTS IN U. S. PRIORITY REQUEST LIST, EXCEPT FOR PAPER AND LEATHER SHOES, BUT U. S. SHOULD RESPOND TO JAPANESE REQUEST LIST. WOLFF DISAGREED. RECIPROCITY SHOULD BE IN SUBSTANTIVE OFFERS, NOT PROCEDURES. U.S. RESPONSE TO JAPAN'S REQUESTS WAS NO UNTIL JAPAN'S OFFER WAS IN BALANCE WITH U. S. OFFER. HE ASSURED OKI THAT U. S. HAD CAREFULLY REVIEWED JAPANESE REQUEST LIST, TEAM THAT COULD AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE IN GENEVA, AND ONCE JAPAN BROUGHT OFFERS INTO BALANCE, WE WOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL, ALTHOUGH WE COULD NOT DO MUCH.

6. GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: WOLFF STRESSED NEED OF WIDE ENTITY COVERAGE, MENTIONING NTT. OKI WAS COMMITTAL VANCE

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